

# DCM SHARING SESSION FEBRUARY 26, 2022

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Chairperson, Drew B.,

**What happens at a DCM Sharing Session by Drew B.:** At the DCM Sharing Session, a District Committee Member suggest a topic and then there is a discussion on the topic with those in attendance

**Presentation By: Bren of District 07 (Alameda County – North)**

**Presentation Topic – “How do we connect with Groups before the Pre-Conference Assembly?”**

The Presenter Screen-Shared a Slide Presentation:

Six Questions: 1) Who is in my district? 2) Should I offer to get consciences of groups without GSRs? 3) What about meeting clubhouses? 4) How do I contact affinity groups? (example: men, women, LGBT) 5) What if I don't feel comfortable going to in-person, indoor meetings? 6) How do I pass along information to meetings?

I pose these questions with the hope that others will share their experience. I am a group conscience nerd, and I think it is important that every single meeting is a Group. I started a Spanish translation using Google Translate for the presentation. Can the conference truly act for A.A. as a whole if we are not getting all of the Group's Conscience? Eighty-five meetings are online in District 07, and about 60 meetings will not have a district representative and essentially will not be a part of the agenda topics experience.

**Sharing about the Agenda Topics:** there's not a lot of time, only one or two are interested. Is there a way to get those members conscience? In my sub-district, there is about six or ten meetings a day: morning, noon, and night. In total, Rockridge has 94 meetings listed on East Bay Intergroup website. There are some groups that split to being on person and online at the same time. Am I being a bad DCM or bad person if I go to in person meetings and online meetings only? How do I pass along the information? What is the best way to do this? The use of cloud drives has been helpful to place all the information about the Agenda Topics and to organize all additional resources for an ease of access.

**Members at the DCM Sharing Session Shared:** After the presentation, those in attendance shared their experience and how they've functioned as a DCM. Here is a brief recap: the use of sending out emails summarizing what happened at the Sharing Sessions and Area Committee Meetings with the sub-district ; Being available but not intrusive; being okay with them not having a GSR; not being a conformist in doing things the way they are suppose to be done; constantly reminded that there is a God and that's no one's responsibility to assume that role; lower expectations in getting involvement from people; the importance for the GSR to be involved in participating in the business meeting to make announcements; getting the members of the group to attend the business meeting. Attracting rather than Promoting a GSR; there are a lot of meetings with no GSR; Could a Group share their conscience without a GSR? Offering support and telling them what is going on in A.A.; sharing bout your experience with General Service to the Group; reached out to about 19 members and 5 attended the sub-district meeting; It is hard to see the lack of representation with so many meetings; It does say that it is not necessary for all Groups to participate in a Group Conscience. Imagine if all Groups did participate: it would be H-E-L-L; set aside days to attend meetings, make a quick announcement, connect with the Secretary before the meeting starts, make an announcement and place things in Chat; invite everyone for agenda topics discussion; living in the spiritual concepts; taking to heart “Why Do We Need A Conference?” in the Service Manual; establishing relationships with members of the Group; the questions posed by the presenter could be in the 2023 Agenda Topics; When asking questions to the Group, particularly the “W” questions, it can't be ignored: The Five W's. What does your group want? Why is this important to you? They can ignore the statement but won't be able to ignore the question; bring enthusiasm; give a 90-second presentation about General Service and experience; talk about interesting things happening in A.A. as well what may be catchy and interesting for the Group; acknowledge the limiting structure of the Assembly having two days, and the various options in sending your Group Conscience via website, email, voice mail.

**Topic for Next Month:** Presented by Pam S. GSR D40/ SD009 *The history and formation of our Spanish Speaking Districts.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Chase C. | DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary*